Delay in Settlement of Claim of Exports under IPRS

1302. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been delay in the settlement of claims of the exporters of engineering goods under the International Price Reimbursement Scheme (IPRS) ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the delay in settlement of IPRS claims is causing great hardship to the exporters and is retarding the growth rate of exports of engineering goods ;

(c) if so, what is the number and value of claims of the exporters of engineering goods pending settlement under IPRS as on 30th November, 1993 ;

(d) what steps Government have so far taken for early settlement of IPRS claims ; and

(e) whether Government have issued any instructions in this regard, if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (e) Recently there has been some delay in settlement of claims under the International Price Reimbursement Scheme (IPRS) due to shortage of funds. On 30-11-1993, there were claims totalling Rs. 318.03 crores pending for want of funds. However, exports from the engineering sector during April—September, 1993 were higher than those in the corresponding period of 1992-93. Government is making every effort to evolve a solution for the IPRS funding problem.

Companies Banned by Ministry of Commerce

1303. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of companies which are banned for dealing with the Ministry of Commerce in its non-statutory sphere of its activities during the last three years ;

(b) what is the procedure followed for banning these companies ;

(c) whether they were issued show cause notices before being banned ;

(d) what are the stages of bureaucracy through which this show cause notices and clarifications have to pass ;

(e) which is the final authority to issue a ban and supposed to satisfy themselves against the ban ;

(f) what is the number of show cause notice issued during the last three years ;

(g) what is the number of show cause cases that have been disposed of so far ; and

(h) what is the number of pending cases of such show-causes cases ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (e) Recently, Ministry of Commerce have banned its business dealings in the non-statutory sphere under the Standardised Code for Suppliers with one company and its two allied firms on account of contravention of the provisions of Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1947 and Imports (Control) Order, 1955, which was established, after following the procedure laid down for the purpose including the issue of show-cause notice and with the approval of the competent authority.

(f) to (h) The details about the show cause notices issued, if any, by Ministry of Commerce/Director General of Foreign Trade are being collected.